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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING ELECTROLUMINESCENCE APPARATUS,  
ELECTROLUMINESCENCE APPARATUS AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

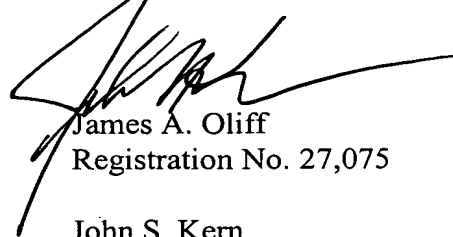
In reply to the May 4, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a method of producing an electroluminescence apparatus, classified in class 445, subclass 24, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-16 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in

order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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